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SENATE MEMORIAL 32

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT CONGRESS BE URGED TO HOLD HEARINGS ON A NEW  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE VALLES CALDERA NATIONAL PRESERVE.

WHEREAS, the Valles Caldera national preserve is one of  
New Mexico's most spectacular places and important wildlife  
habitats, consisting of eighty-nine thousand acres of forest,  
high-mountain grassland and clear streams nestled into the  
caldera of an ancient volcano; and

WHEREAS, hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation are  
important parts of the way of life in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, accessible and protected public lands benefit  
local economies by offering a higher quality of life that  
attracts tourism and high-wage jobs; and

WHEREAS, the current management experiment at the Valles  
Caldera national preserve is based on a system set up for the

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1 Presidio, an urban area located in San Francisco, California;  
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3 WHEREAS, it has become clear that the experimental  
4 management system for the Valles Caldera national preserve will  
5 never generate adequate funding without developing, and thereby  
6 destroying, the Valles Caldera itself; and

7 WHEREAS, the current experimental management system has  
8 failed to provide adequate access to the public for responsible  
9 use and enjoyment of the area; and

10 WHEREAS, a new management system would improve opportunity  
11 for the public to responsibly enjoy the Valles Caldera national  
12 preserve, thereby benefiting all residents and helping the  
13 local economy; and

14 WHEREAS, a new management system would expand access to  
15 hunting, fishing and outdoor recreational opportunities for all  
16 residents regardless of financial means; and

17 WHEREAS, a new management system would improve natural  
18 resource management at the Valles Caldera national preserve and  
19 put it on more solid financial footing, ensuring that this  
20 spectacular place can be enjoyed by present and future  
21 generations;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
23 OF NEW MEXICO that congress be urged to hold hearings as soon  
24 as possible on the establishment of a new management system for  
25 the Valles Caldera national preserve, in which the United

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1 States forest service, the national park service or the United  
2 States fish and wildlife service provide management to improve  
3 responsible public access, expand hunting, fishing and outdoor  
4 recreational opportunities for the public and place the Valles  
5 Caldera national preserve on firm financial footing so that  
6 present and future generations can enjoy and experience this  
7 spectacular place and benefits to the economy can be fully  
8 realized; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
10 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation and the  
11 chief clerks of the United States house of representatives and  
12 senate for distribution to the appropriate committees.

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